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WEATHER.
Western Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Rain or showers.

SOME ARTISTIC GUESSING.
For the time being, the "Man in the Tall Tower" at Portland, is deeply concerned in the baffling uncertainties inherent in the destinies of the "Central Oregon Railroad," the line that A. B. Hammond is engineering over the southern center of the state, to a terminus at Astoria, via the Klamath country, the Cascades, the Willamette valley, Yaquina, and Tillamook. He indulges in a wide range of artistic, interested and "fatherly" guesses on the subject, tapering off with the wholly plausible conclusion "that this line will be found to belong somewhere!"

DAILY POISONS.
"By studying a bill of fare in a restaurant not long ago I found that the average man takes forty-two doses of poison at every meal he eats," said Harry B. Walmsley, champion of the pure food bill in the last legislature. "The butter is covered with coal tar dyes," he continued. "The meat has more or less embalming fluid. The lard in which his potatoes are fried probably contains portions of hogs that have died natural deaths and have not been slaughtered under sanitary conditions; possibly the animal died of some disease. The catsup is colored with coal dyes and has acetylic acid in it. The bread is full of alum. The tea and coffee contain copper. The vegetables have different varieties of coal tar dyes. You can't get any pure pepper. It is full of cocoon shells, sawdust and clay. You buy a nice red apple on the stand. It is rosy, because, nine times out of ten, it is painted with coal tar dyes. Even the cherished illusion of new potatoes is not always ours. Old potatoes are freshened up in alum water after being scraped. Fifty per cent of the deaths that occur in this country are the direct result of impure and dishonest foods."

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and that Portland, for once in the history of Pacific commerce, is not the sole and inseparable atom and item of final adjustment.

BOTH SIDES.
Henry Clews, the well known New York banker, posted this bulletin in his office recently:

AMERICA'S GREATNESS.
"Corn crop this year, 570,000,000 bushels. Wheat crop, 722,000,000 bushels. Cotton crop, 11,000,000 bales. United States Steel corporation's net profit for the last quarter, \$4,000,000. A man died today in Anconia, Ill., who weighed 460 pounds, and was 73 inches around the waist. This should not be surprising because he was born in the corn belt country. A dark lady in Texas recently gave birth to six little blackies. What a country! What a people!"

It may be interesting to add: One person in every eight in the United States is underfed, underclothed and underhoused. The average income of the average family is not far from \$600 a year. An unskilled laborer earns less than \$400 a year in the North and less than \$300 in the South. One per cent of the families of the country possess more wealth than the remaining ninety-nine per cent. Over 1,700,000 children under fifteen years of age are toiling in field, factories, mines and workshops. In the year 1900 there were 6,468,964 workers in gainful occupations employed for from one to three months. Every year 60,000 persons are killed by accidents incident to their work and 1,600,000 are seriously injured. Two-thirds of the population of New York are forced to live in tenements in which there are 350,000 dark interior rooms. Last week a woman was found starving in Madison Square. A thousand ladies of New York are devoting themselves to the raising of pet dogs instead of children. What a country! What a people!

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the number of immigrants coming to the United States was 1,027,000—over 200,000 more than in 1904, and over 700,000 more than in 1899. The countries from whence they came last year are given as follows: Austria-Hungary, 273,698; Italy, 221,479; Russia, 184,897; Germany, 45,370; Norway, Sweden and Denmark, 60,625; England, 64,709; Ireland, 32,845.

SAW ISLAND BORN.
Officer of U. S. S. Albatross Says He Saw Perry Island Rise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Lieutenant Hepburn, U. S. N., navigating officer of the U. S. S. Albatross, believes that he witnessed the birth of the volcanic island which arose from the sea in the midst of the Aleutian islands about the time this city was shaken by the earthquake of last April. One of Hepburn's shipmates is willing to corroborate the navigator in his belief, but others on board are inclined to ascribe the lieutenant's vision to a trick of the fog.

Whether he saw the island born or not, the new peak was so sizzling hot when the Albatross passed it that no attempt was made to land and when the revenue cutter Perry came along later her officers did go ashore and christened the new island Perry island. Professor H. Heath, who fills the chair of Invertebrate zoology at Stanford and who arrived here yesterday on the liner America, left the Albatross at Nagasaki.

He was not on board at the time Lieutenant Hepburn witnessed the arrival from below of Perry Island, but he heard both sides of the story and believes what Hepburn says on the subject.

VESSEL SEIZED.
Mexican Transport Seizes American Fishing Smack.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 5.—A cablegram has been received by Manager J. W. Mann of the Gulf Fisheries company of this city from the captain of their smack Aba, which states that that vessel has been seized by the Mexican transport Progresso, while lying at anchor, becalmed, close into Arenas reef. The captain also states that he and his son are in friendly hands and that there will hardly be a repetition of the imprisonment and cruelty practiced on American sailors of the Galveston, Pensacola and Mobile fishing smacks seized by the Mexican government a few months ago. Since the seizure of three smacks some time ago they have continued to fish in the same localities, but have carefully observed the three mile limit set out by Secretary Root as free water for all fishermen. In his case, the captain states that he had become becalmed and drifted into about one and one-half miles of the shore and dropped anchor to await sufficient wind to move out to the fishing grounds, when taken by the Mexican vessel.

Manager Mann at once notified Secretary Root of the seizure.

"BLACK HAND" MURDER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The body of an Italian with a number of stab wounds in the neck and breast, was found yesterday in a section of woods near Jamaica, L. I. There were no signs of a weapon and no traces of a struggle. The murder resembles in many respects the famous Barret murder mystery and others that have followed it. Each of the victims were of Italian birth and death had been caused by stabbing. "Black Hand murder" has been the verdict of the police and they have generally tried in vain to unravel the mystery surrounding the cases. The victim of this crime was apparently a laboring man and about 45 years old.

STRICTER INSPECTION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—As a result of the new pure food law which will go into effect January 1 next, the Department of Agriculture is making preparations for the increased labor and equipment involved in its enforcement. The working force and the appliances of the laboratories at Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans will be largely increased, while at the ports of New York and Boston there will be erected new laboratories in which to conduct the necessary examinations of all food products coming to this country.

COLLINS DEFEATED.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 5.—The great surprise in the tri-state tennis tournament yesterday was the defeat of Kreigh Collins, holder of the western championship in men's singles by Nat Thornton of Atlanta, a southern champion, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

CITY NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT special assessment roll number 126, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Irving Avenue, from the East line of 18th street the West line of Adair's Astoria has been filed with the auditor and police judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 126, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Saturday the 8th day of September, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in the council chambers in the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing. OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria. Dated Astoria, Oregon, August 29th, A. D. 1906 8-31-106

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